

25 Uncommon Superpowers That Would Be Awesome In Real Life



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- Unconventional superpowers may not receive as much praise, but they have shown their value throughout history.
- Powers like chi manipulation, density control, and dimensional storage offer unique abilities that can enhance a hero's capabilities.
- From self-healing and superhuman strength to accessing an unlimited storage space, these weird superpowers have their own advantages in different situations.

Everyone would love to have a superpower, but, given the choice, most would likely opt for more conventional abilities such as super strength or super speed. The more daring might select an overpowered superhero ability like omniscience or

immortality, but very few would opt for anything as weird as liquid transmutation or technology.

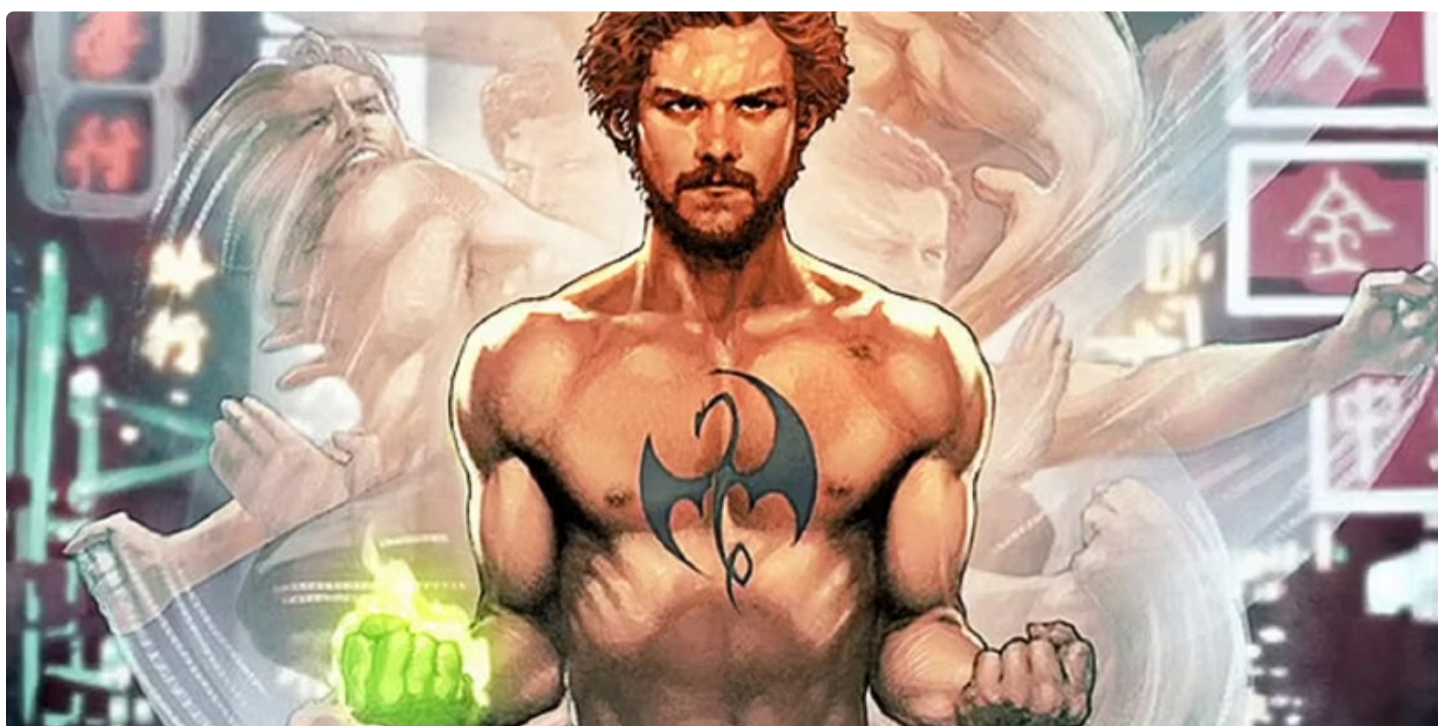
Yet, the broad pantheon of superhero lore more often than not features individuals with less-than-conventional powers. From the ability to speak with the dead, to the ability to control the weather, most heroes wield abilities that are only situationally useful.

These weird superpowers may not get as much praise, but history has shown their value. Whether they're capable of eliminating many day-to-day tasks... or just really awesome to show off to friends, they definitely beat not having any powers at all.

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Chi Manipulation Brings Out Iron Fist's Potential

As seen in: *Immortal Iron Fist*



In times of great duress, the fortification of the mind can bring immeasurable serenity. The power of chi gained recognition in the Marvel Cinematic Universe with the introduction of Doctor Strange. It also gained some notoriety when Iron Fist appeared in a Netflix series, but what secrets lie in the life forces of these characters

that allow them to **manipulate the flow of metaphysical chi energy in their bodies.**

Reaching into the inner self to harness the spiritual properties of the mind, body, and soul can allow one to not only tap into a plane beyond mere human existence, but it can also enhance bodily functions beyond normal capabilities. Self-healing, superhuman strength, and pain resistance are just some of the bodily changes that may occur. In addition, some users have been known to project their inner energy outwards in a lethal blow or create optical illusions and tricks of the mind by accessing the spiritual plane.

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Density Control Helps Vision Defy Any Limits

As seen in: *The Avengers*



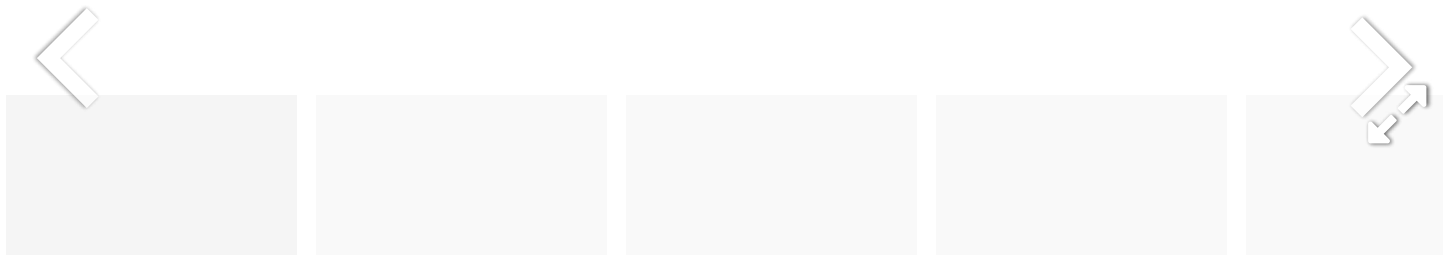
Density control isn't an often talked about ability, but significant characters have used it over the years to change the concentration of an object. Notable names include the likes of Vision, who can use his powers to **manipulate mass and**

become intangible, phasing through objects and eliminating the need for entry ways of any kind.

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Crazy Jane is a Superhero Team Unto Herself

As see in: *Doom Patrol*



Everyone wants superpowers, but sometimes it's hard to pick just one. Heroes like *Doom Patrol*'s Crazy Jane, however, have several dozen thanks an encounter with a gene bomb that **gave each one of her alternate personas a metahuman**

ability. No matter what situation one could find themselves in, they'd have a power just waiting in the wings able to help them out.

Instant transportation? Super-speed? Berserker-like strength? Why settle for one measly power when Crazy Jane's vast gallery of special abilities could help survive and defeat any danger someone is likely to ever face?

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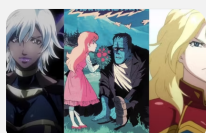
Dimensional Storage is Ramona Flowers' Handiest Power

As seen in: *Scott Pilgrim*



Dimensional storage is a trope in both television and comic books that sees characters pull objects from a space where they wouldn't typically fit. Such spaces are the result of spatial manipulation. This kind of magic offers an unlimited bag of tricks—quite literally—but, unlike Mary Poppins, heroes don't actually have to rummage through their purses to find the needed item. When called upon, the item will appear, removing the hassle of spending half an hour to find it.

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In Marvel's long history, it's no surprise they tried their hand at anime. Superhero stories lend themselves to the format surprisingly well.

These pocketed dimensions are not limited to any physical location and can be applied almost anywhere. Whether it's a portable bag, a pants pocket, or a closet, **a hero can hoard anything so long as it fits through the entry point**. There's no need to worry about the weight of the objects in storage, either, as it's floating in an unlimited space, eliminating the strain that comes with carrying it. It's a trick that redefines the concept of packing light.

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Empath is a Master of Emotions

As seen in: *New Mutants*



Empaths may seem like they're just really good mind readers, but there's more to their powers than just honing in on someone's emotions. They have the ability to not only **detect how someone is feeling, but also wield the power to replicate those feelings** to know that person on a personal basis. It may not be the superpower known as telepathy, per se, but heroes with this ability can control how others are feeling, which would be a powerful tactic during interrogations.

On the flip side, there's apathy, or the power to switch off all emotions. Its users can put on a stone face unlike any other, capable of throwing off anyone who might interpret their actions as a sign to worry. Not only could a person with this ability become the ultimate poker player, but, once again, they would be utterly unbreakable during interrogation.

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Flex Mentallo's Muscle Mystery Can Rewrite Reality

As seen in: *Doom Patrol*



Pretty much every superhero is blessed with muscles, but what if those bis and tris concealed a godlike power? For Flex Mentallo, that's literally the case as this specimen was given the power to **make changes to the world around him with every intentional flex of his muscles**. From tiny, unnoticeable changes to huge adjustments, one could do some serious good to the world simply by flexing. Granted, this kind of power requires a commitment to developing a body, but the reward is undoubtedly worth it.

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Indestructible Digestion Helps Matter-Eater Lad Consume Anything

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As seen in: *Legion of Super-Heroes*



At first, **the ability to eat anything** with very few constraints or limitations sounds like it could only earn a hero a notable place in the annals of hotdog eating contest history. However, while it doesn't necessarily offer any major combat advantages when it comes to breaking into or out of things such as safes or prisons, it could be shockingly helpful.

It may be slightly disgusting, but this unique power is more useful than it may seem. No cell could ever hold he or she who consumes all, and no walled fortress could ever remain completely secure.

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Swarm is Literally Made of Bees

As seen in: *The Spectacular Spider-Man*



In the grand scheme of superhero-dom, the ability to control a swarm of bees, while unique, doesn't seem to be all that useful. Bees are, more often than not, little more than a nuisance, and, unless a hero comes up against someone who happens to have an allergy, all they could really do is serve as an aggravating distraction.

However, Marvel villain Swarm took things a step further. An experiment gone wrong allowed him to **transfer his consciousness into a swarm of bees**, granting him the many advantages of an incorporeal form.

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Liquid Transmutation Helps Mercury Get Anywhere

As seen in: X-Men



Liquid transmutation, also commonly referred to as self-melting, may sound like the unhappy ending the Wicked Witch from *The Wizard of Oz* received at the end of the movie, but it's also a unique power that **allows heroes to change their physiological makeup** and travel undetected.

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The X-Men always find a way, but the mutants lost many times in Marvel Comics. Their biggest defeat came at the hands of the Scarlet Witch.

Various comic book characters have exhibited fluid-like traits, from Mercury of the Marvel Universe to Brainiac in DC Comics, and all have managed to remain elusive while in their liquid states. Obviously, turning into a different state of matter comes with some major flaws; heroes always run the risk of being mopped up or washed away, but, on a brighter note, they can serve as a fly on the wall—or, more accurately, a drop in the bucket—eavesdropping on the conversations of enemies.

As seen in: *Animal Man*

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Animal lovers everywhere would no doubt love this kind of power. Heroes like Animal Man and Vixen can **borrow the best qualities of the animal kingdom** when they face a tough challenge. Whether one needs the speed of a cheetah or the flight of an eagle, the sky's the limit on the kind of assets one could borrow from the Earth's feathered and furry creatures. While it may not give people god-like strength, this kind of power could be useful in almost any situation.

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John Constantine's Mediumship Takes Him to the Other Side

As seen in: *Hellblazer*



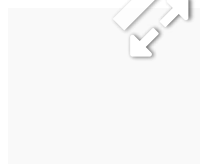
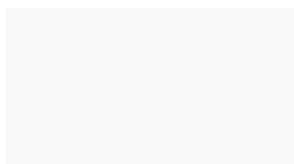
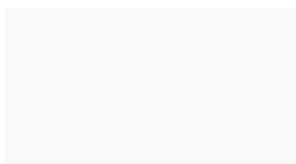
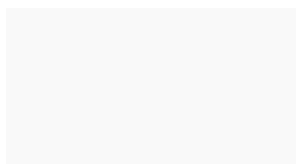
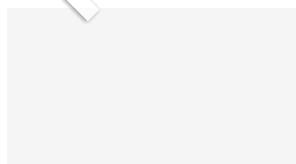
Perceived by some as a curse and viewed by others as a blessing, talking to the dead can take some getting used to. That's because, depending on the issue at hand, **heroes may or may not be able to filter out the voices of the deceased**. Still, with all its hardships, seeing evidence of the afterlife would be a major perk for detectives or coroners.

In fact, noted comic book characters like John Constantine have made a career out of it. Plus, those who play their cards right could probably gather enough of a reputation to summon the dead at will, gaining many allies that won't have to fear death in dire situations.

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Omnifabrication is Iron Man's Specialty

As seen in: *Iron Man*



In the '80s, MacGyver showed people how to get out of sticky situations with little more than a rubber band, a paper clip, and an old piece of chewing gum. Since then, advanced inventing skills have only gotten better, with big-screen personas like Tony Stark showing off their knack for technology.

Advanced intellect and gifted intuition may sound like a totally unique superpower, but, given the unfathomable speed at which many of its users have been able to produce almost otherworldly inventions, it certainly isn't useless. With **the ability to craft absolutely anything with very little limitation**, there isn't much a hero couldn't do.. As was the case with Tony Stark, almost any superpower can be reproduced with some well-drawn schematics and adequate resources.

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Perfect Recollection Helps Captain America Remember Anything

As seen in: *Captain America*



While some regular humans can claim to have near-flawless recollection skills, standard intellect simply doesn't compare to superpowers. While some can remember certain things with a surprising level of detail, none could remember the exact layout of a building they'd only been in once or recall a single name from a briefly glanced-at roster of thousands.

Such a power could definitely help capture criminals and save lives. Remembering the layout of a crime scene or the specific speech patterns of a suspect could mean putting the right person behind bars. **Everything that ever happened to a hero from the time they were an infant would be available for them to recall**, and they would be guaranteed to never forget a face.

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The World is Firestorm's Playground with Transmutation Power

As seen in: *The Fury of Firestorm*



People tend to forget that everything in the universe is made up of atoms, so a power that can **literally allow someone to change objects on an atomic level** is an amazing ability. Heroes like Firestorm can take something as innocuous as water and

turn it into something as deadly as hydrochloric acid. There's virtually nothing that could harm someone who had transmutation powers. Swords, guns, even missiles could be turned into cotton candy before they even wound up hurting someone.

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Precognition Puts X-Men's Blindfold in Touch with the Future

As seen in: *X-Men: Legacy*



What if the future isn't pre-determined and a hero could **look into all possibilities and decide the best course of action**? Sure, it wouldn't necessarily help in combat, but a unique power like this could put an end to all crime and conflict if used correctly.

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There are burdens that come with such responsibility; the user would likely see every decision that could lead to their own death and suffer a paranoia related to making

the wrong decisions. They would have to live with the sole knowledge of countless might-unthinkable tragedies that may not be preventable.

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Reactive Adaptation Helps Darwin Survive Almost Anything

As seen in: X-Factor



In the Marvel universe, the character Darwin is given the nickname The Evolving Boy for his body's ability to naturally adapt to environmental threats. Whether it's acquiring gills to swim underwater or learning to inhale smoke and toxic fumes without harming the body, the most difficult of tasks can be approached with ease and a general lack of safety.

A hero with this ability could see their IQ boosted significantly at a second's notice by simply putting their brain to work, or they could **adapt to any given superpower when the odds are against them**. Jumping from a plane? Adopt the ability to fly almost instantly. Need to fit into a tight spot? With the proper stretching, a hero's whole body can become almost elastic.

Acid Spewing is Zeitgeist's Disturbingly Original Power

As seen in: *X-Cellent*



The ability to produce a powerful corrosive substance at will could be pretty useful, but, in the case of the X-Men's Zeitgeist, it could also be pretty disgusting. Able to **orally discharge an acidic substance capable of melting almost anything**, Zeitgeist's power is formidable, though he's sometimes difficult to take seriously.

Yet, it's an undeniably unique power, and, much like the ability to eat through any kind of matter, it would make gaining access to secure areas much less complicated.

Multiple Man's Replication Helps Him Achieve the Impossible

As seen in: *X-Factor*



Being in multiple places at once may not seem like the most unique power in comic book history, but, given the constantly evolving threats and fracturing universes of most Marvel storylines, it could be more useful than it seems. There are multiple variations of the replication ability that have shown up in comics. The simplest, however, is **biological cloning, or the splitting of the body into multiples**, much like Marvel's Multiple Man.

In addition to making doppelgangers, some characters also have the ability to copy objects while keeping all the properties of the original copy intact. So long as the user keeps their secret well hidden from the world, they could theoretically live several different lives.

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Green Lantern Generate Anything He Imagines

As seen in: *Green Lantern*



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How cool would it be to be able to manifest something into reality simply by thinking



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imagination, but there's literally nothing one couldn't do with this kind of power. Whether one needs transportation, weaponry, or simply entertainment, **creating something from nothing with thoughts alone** is a true dream anyone could get on board with.

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Zombification Kept Dead Girl 'Alive'

As seen in: *X-Statix*



A rarely-discussed member of the X-Statix, Dead Girl was a mutant who could only activate her powers posthumously. After her death, she was **reanimated with a suite of new abilities, immortality and invulnerability** being two of the most notable.

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Few would think of zombification as a superpower, but Dead Girl wields an amazing gift few other heroes can boast. Capable of regenerative healing and able to resurrect the dead for a time, she has what it takes to become a major asset to her team.

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Atmokenesis Turns X-Men's Storm Into a God-Level Powerhouse

As seen in: *X-Men*



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One of the most well-known members of the X-Men, Storm is a mutant who boasts **the ability to bend the weather to her will**. Able to manipulate the temperature and climate of an area, cause precipitation on command, and call forth bolts of lightning, her power is not to be underestimated.

That said, the ability to control the weather isn't exactly among the most common hero abilities, and, while useful, it does have a few limitations. Yet, unconventional as it may be, there's no denying Storm's efficacy in combat.

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Doctor Manhattan Keeps Himself Alive Through Self-Sustenance

As seen in: *Watchmen*



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The very things which make us human are also the things that limit us. On average, a single person will spend thirty-three percent of their lifetime sleeping. Take that number and factor in all the time spent eating, drinking, and using the bathroom, and those numbers only get more discouraging. But, **if the body could sustain itself, doing away with all the standard necessities of survival**, then a person would have access to one hundred percent of their life, which would drastically transform the way society looks today.

In all likelihood, removing a body of its restraints would open up the world to a longer work schedule, but someone with this power would also have more time for themselves. Yet, as is touched on in *Watchmen*, this god-like power could make a hero lose touch with their humanity.

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Suspended Animation Kept Captain America Alive For Decades

As seen in: *The Avengers*

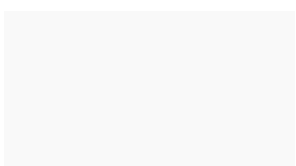
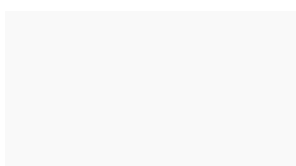
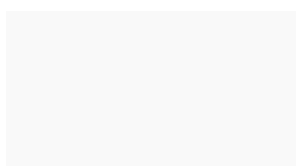
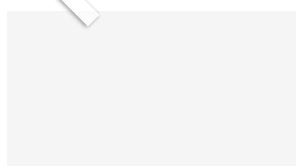
While it's technically not a real superpower, far surpassing one's expected lifespan through cryogenics isn't exactly a normal thing. **Captain America is perhaps the most famous hero to have endured cryostasis**, and he's a rare example of such an event occurring outside of the realm of sci-fi.

The idea of suspended animation has been toyed with in the real world, and the ability to preserve a human body cryogenically would give many hospital patients hope as they waited for an organ donation or the next great medical revelation. However, there are obvious downsides to waking up in the future, the most obvious of which would be leaving loved ones behind and waking up in a foreign place.

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Spider-Man's Arachnid Powers Are Wild, But Amazing

As seen in: *Amazing Spider-Man*



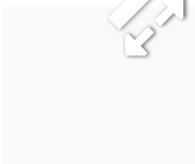
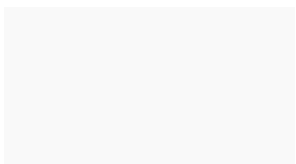
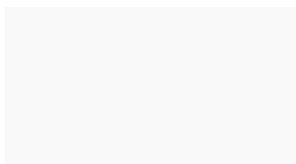
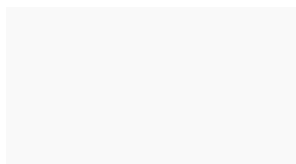
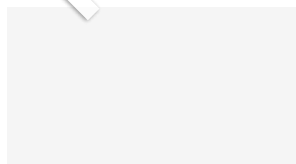
Given the prevalence of Marvel's Spider-Man in comic book lore, **the spider-power abilities enjoyed by all arachnids** may seem like an awesome ability to have. Able to swing above city streets on webs and crawl across walls, Peter Parker's powers possess almost unlimited potential.

However, were Spider-Man not as well known as he is, having all of the abilities of a spider might seem like an odd power. While things like super strength, super speed, or the ability to shoot laser from one's eyes are established comic hero abilities, on paper, spider-powers sounds like it wouldn't measure up.

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Technopathy Makes Apocalypse a True Threat

As seen in: *X-Men*



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In a world dominated by technological advancement, **instantly being able to control any kind of mechanized instrument** would be awesomely useful. While technopathy isn't a popular superpower choice, it's definitely one of the most useful.

Apocalypse, Ultron, and Brainiac are just a few of the comic book characters who have tapped into the powers of technology, and, with it, they were able to bring the likes of the X-Men, the Avengers, and Superman to their knees. It's not just the World Wide Web that can be manipulated either; with such power, a hero or villain could operate any type of machinery and bend it completely to their will.

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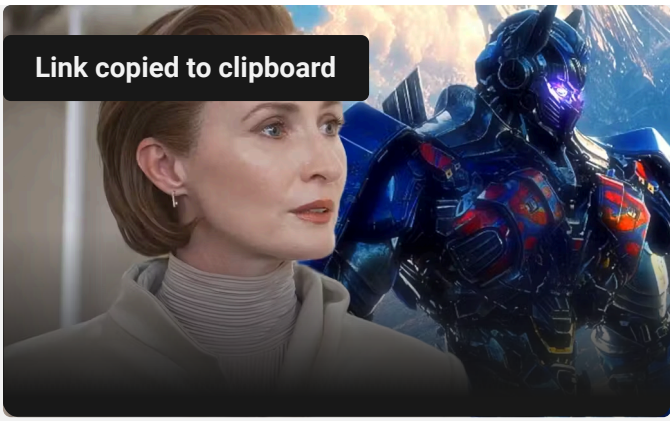
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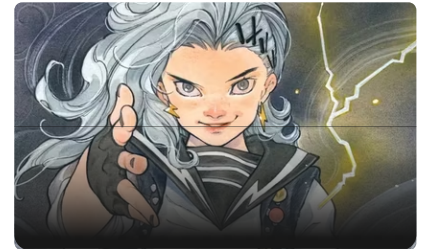
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